

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
April 15, 1935

To the Senate of the Forty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas:

I have vetoed and am returning herewith S. B. No. 475, an Act creating the Special Third District Court of Anderson, Henderson and Houston Counties. I have disapproved this bill for the following reasons:

In an early message to the Legislature suggesting the creation of specified emergency courts in the East Texas oil fields, I stated that I did not expect to ask the Legislature for any additional courts.

Conditions in the Counties of Anderson, Henderson and Houston, where this court is proposed, do not begin to compare with the congested and crowded dockets of the East Texas oil field counties.

I am opposed to the creation of any additional courts. I think we have enough district courts in Texas. The law now provides for the transfer of judges from one district to another so as to clear up crowded dockets. I am personally familiar with the conditions in the new proposed district and feel that vigorous action on the part of authorities there, together with other judges who could be called in, will clear up any congestion of the dockets in the affected counties.

This bill not only creates a new district court at an additional expense to the taxpayers, but creates the office of assistant district attorney at a salary of \$2,700. The district is composed of only three counties and, in my judgment, there is no necessity for such additional expense.

Under the circumstances and in view of the tremendous deficit in our State Treasury, I feel it is my duty to veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted
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Governor of Texas